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## PRINCEPS LOQUITUR

I very readily accede to the request of the Editor to write a few words for this last number of *Wessex News* in the present session. I should like to say at the outset that I am delighted to know that the Students' Union has decided that the experiment begun so boldly during the course of last session has justified itself, and that the paper will continue to be published. I have read every number, and I have been very interested to watch how steadily each has improved upon the last, so that now we have a most useful weekly record of what has been done, a calendar of what is to come, and an organ in which room is found for the ventilation of ideas, and grievances, real and imagined—indeed a general forum for the discussion of student affairs. I consider that, edited as it is, it is a great asset to the whole corporate life of the College, and visitors who happen to be in College on Tuesday mornings are invariably struck by the enterprise of the student body, and by the capacity of those who are responsible for producing the paper. I am sure the paper is a great credit to all concerned, and the more it becomes known outside the confines of the College, the more valuable it will be.

I very much hope that the student body as a whole realises what a debt of gratitude it owes to those who spend their energies in its service in this and other manifold directions. I am struck by the enthusiasm and capacity of those who take an active part in the affairs of the Students' Union, and, if I may particularise, I should like to add my word of praise to the untiring energy and ability of the officers of the Union during the current session. They have shown consistent wisdom and statesmanship, and I think it may be safely said no body of officials has ever deserved greater gratitude, not only from the student-body, but from the College as a whole.

It must be true, of course, in any corporate society that there are those who do not realise the obligations, as well as the privileges of belonging to it. I like to think that the percentage of such in University College is small. I equally like to hope that in time it will be almost non-existent. From time to time, I have seen somewhat lurid appeals to the apathetic and to the less patriotic to gather round this activity or that, and I fear that these are in a measure needed, but I was very rejoiced to have it reported during the course of the Spring term that 75 per cent of the men in College were taking an active part in athletic activities, and that there were hopes of the percentage being raised still higher. Although the percentage may not be so high among the women in the winter months, in the summer games it is probably as good as that of the men. It was said, of course, that there were not enough women athletes to compete in the College sports, but the popularity of the newly-established Women's Boat Club suggests that there is, at any rate, a large percentage amongst the women who realise the importance of athletic exercise.

It is too early to know to what extent the students have brought distinction to the College by their achievements in the Final examination, but I think that, side by side with all these other activities, the spirit of work is developing, and the use made of the library, and the increasing interest taken in the various subject societies, are indications of a rise in the standard of intellectual interests. It is not because I consider that the social and athletic is more important than the intellectual side of the College that I mention it first, but merely because the prizes in the intellectual contests have not yet been awarded.

The short years of an undergraduate career are a real spiritual experience. They give an opportunity for a broadening and deepening of character in all the activities of life. It is not given to everyone to shine in all directions, but it is a definite loss of an opportunity if an undergraduate specialises entirely on one side or the other. I hope, and believe, that the outlook of the student of University College is catholic in the widest sense of the word, and that there is a universal desire to make the best of abilities in all directions, and to take the opportunities of character training which an institution such as this offers.

I would like the student body to know how strongly we who are responsible for the policy and the teaching of the College feel our

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obligations to the student body, and sometimes I wish they could know the long discussions and the closely argued debates there are upon what is best to be done for the body politic of which we are all members. There is still, I feel, in some quarters an idea that our aims and ambitions are not united, but are really in some cases directed towards different aims, but nothing could be really further from the truth.

There is much to do still; just as we have many buildings to build, and many amenities to secure, so are there many strides forward in the things of the spirit to be achieved by University College, but I am perfectly certain that, as a body, we are on the right road, that we have already got something, quite indefinable, but recognised even by those who visit us, which speaks of the spirit of unity, the spirit of progress, the spirit of friendliness, and the determination that University College, Southampton, shall make an ever bigger contribution to the welfare of the World.

K. H. V.

# WESSEX NEWS

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## Editorial.

Not a few times in the past Session it has been hard to find something to write about, and it is really surprising that there have been so many weeks in which nothing has happened. This week, however, it appears that there is only one subject—that of Going Down, which is far more difficult to write about than nothing at all. For Going Down means something different to each one of us, and generalization would be impossible. Probably, everybody wishes to avoid the extremes of sentimentality and flippancy, but it is hard to avoid feeling sentimental and light-hearted as our moods vary.

There seems a widespread tendency to pity those of us who are going down permanently. For this, of course, we are grateful. But it might be pointed out that we are also to be envied. How ever much College has meant to us, how ever strong may be the ties of gratitude and friendship binding us to this place, here we are at last able to play a man's part in life. Education may last all of a man's life, but our formal schooling has finished, we hope. We are hoping to know for the first time, or to taste afresh, the joy (it may be a base one) of earning money, of feeling independent, of not being a burden on our parents. And so, whatever we stand to lose by going down, we stand to gain something as well. Think, ye, finalisers and dippers, of coming home from a day's work knowing that it is really finished for the day, and without that lurking thought, "I might still be doing a little more. You can never be too sure."

But whether we be optimistic or pessimistic, the future remains dark and uncertain for those who go down and those who stay up alike. And so it is good to be able to know that one's future is in wiser hands than ours, that one's safety is guaranteed in this world and the next.

## Wessex News next Session

We congratulate the following on their election by the S.C.:—  
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## Correspondence

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

My Dear Editor,  
I thought you would like to know that I have had a personal letter from our venerated Vice-President, Dr. Claude Montefiore, telling me how interested he recently was in *Wessex News* for June 8, and in the article signed T. C. B. W. He tells me he was also interested in the issue of the following week.

I give you this information because I hope it will encourage you to know that so distinguished a person reads *Wessex News* every week and finds it of such interest.

Yours sincerely,  
Albert A. Cook.

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

Dear English Friends,  
Now that the session has practically come to an end, we who have been fortunate enough to spend a whole session amongst you—should like to offer our heartiest thanks to everybody in Coll. and bid them farewell.

We shall not take up much of *Wessex News*; we have had various opportunities, which we have availed ourselves of, to air our views on England, English people, College life, etc.

Yet, just before leaving for our own respective countries, we should like to stress the fact which has impressed us most: the social aspect of English College life. This social spirit is, beyond all doubt, the most outstanding feature of English College life, the one that makes a rather small College such as yours—or if we may so say ours—a magnificent preparatory school for the battle of life.

Again, we should like to bear witness to and congratulate you on the very fortunate geographical position of University College, offering manifold advantages to overseas students. We sincerely hope that you will continue to look upon and welcome foreign students as equals and by so doing making Coll. known and loved not only in England but all through the world.

Renewing our thanks for your hospitality and friendship we wish you all the best.

Rudolf Bringmann.  
J. Neves.  
E. Botans.

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.  
Sir,

Having seen the tennis match reported in your last issue may we be permitted to add a little to the account.

The set in question was a display of the worst court manners possible on the part of a responsible official, from whom such behaviour is not to be expected. In our opinion the remarks of his partner were entirely justified. Presumably conceit and a "little" bad temper contributed much to the "erratic experiments and subtle manoeuvres."

We know that this spirit does not pervade the whole of College tennis, for if it did, we feel sure that mixed matches would have to be discontinued.

We are,

Yours respectfully,  
D. C. Bignell  
D. C. Goymer  
F. W. Jones  
R. G. D. Kite  
H. F. Pearce.

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

Sir,

I should like to take up a challenge thrown down, in the current issue of the *West Saxon*, by the writer of a criticism of "The Madonna of the Cotton Fields." I do not, incidentally, agree with him that this picture and its title are incompatible. I can remember a Madonna and Child of Raphael who are as simply and warmly human as this negro working woman and her baby; and another, of Botticelli, where the mother, herself almost a child still, unconsciously adores a Child who bears a similar premonition of sorrow; I think, too that any mother may symbolise the Madonna. The title, it seemed to me, had been chosen with ironic deliberation.

But, by meeting the writer on his own ground, I am detracting from my real argument, which is that such considerations are only secondarily relevant to the enjoyment of this or any other picture. Unless we receive direct pleasure from a picture, does it matter at all whether or not it is aptly named? If we are given raptures, but are told that they are

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## J. M. Taylor

Our Editor-to-be looks quiet and inoffensive enough, which is as it should be. He sat for his degree in Chemistry (Hons.) this year, and next year returns as a Research student. This sounds very grand, until you find that his research will be concerned with the innards of electric fish. So, after all, he is only a sort of fishmonger. He has wide interests, and although naturally of a retiring disposition, he has become known through his activities in the Rover Scout Group, and, perhaps, through being Treasurer of the Chemical Society. We hope the technique of badgering money out of people he has acquired in this way will be useful when he comes to badger articles out of contributors. We wish him all success, and hope that one so well-known in the West Country will prosper with *Wessex News*.

## Miss Joan Barker

Miss Barker's appearance is deceptive—neither timid nor shy—singularly determined.

Clear-minded and logical with an almost uncontrollable sense of humour which unfortunately tends to overwhelm her at the most inconvenient moments.

Capacity for adapting herself to circumstances. Unerring judge of the mood of others—a valuable asset in editorial work.

Has the rare ability of effectively disguising her feelings and opinions when the occasion demands.

Sentimental streak which she obstinately and persistently denies.

## Highfield Frolics

The Tennis Club held a very successful dance on Saturday, the defeat of the afternoon having no effect on the enjoyment of the evening. Both "Finalists" and Semi-finalists let themselves go at this the last dance of the session. The original novelty dances caused much amusement, revealing Mr. Wareham's and partner's (?) "sea legs."

After supper the winners, and runners up of the completed events in the Tournament were presented with their prizes by Miss Miller.

Contrary to expectations, the floor was crowded—even after supper.

Thanks are due to all those who contributed to the success of the evening, especially the "Nippies."

*Correspondence—Continued*

strawberries, do we therefore say this taste is not good? I believe that pleasure experienced through the eye can and should be as immediate and sensuous as the pleasures of the palate, and that intellectual processes, though they can intensify visual enjoyment, cannot cause it and should not destroy it.

I am, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
Janet Carpenter.

## To All Going-Down Students

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# LIVERPOOL TRIUMPH IN U.A.U. SEMI-FINAL

## Women's Athletics fine Victory over Goldsmith's

### Wallace Wins Southern Counties Championship at Brighton

College athletics received a great disappointment on Saturday, when hopes of a U.C.S. team competing in the U.A.U. finals were dashed. The Men's Tennis failed to maintain their recent form, and in spite of some grand work by the third pair, the team lost by 7-2. Nevertheless, College went down to a fine team, and the large crowd present fully appreciated the fine match which was witnessed. The finalists will carry with them the best wishes for a successful venture at the last hurdle.

After a comparatively quiet season, the Women's Athletics team blossomed forth on Saturday and showed great feminine skill and endurance in defeating Goldsmith's by a handsome margin. The team is running a return fixture on Wednesday, and should do equally well even on the Goldsmith's track!

The U.A.U. Long Distance Swim was held at Nottingham on Saturday, and College entered a team, along with seven other Universities—a record entry. The team is to be congratulated on putting up a fine show, and finishing fourth, being just beaten for third place by Leeds. Russell beat last year's winner and came in fifth—a really creditable performance. It is to be hoped that a strong entry will become a regular feature of the U.C.S. Swimming Club in future years.

It seems that our expectations of Wallace were rather understated and College will be pleased to hear that WESSEX News is not the only great organ of public opinion which prophesies a great future for him.

His grand running in the Southern Counties Championships on Saturday has called forth praise from numerous critics in the Press. Although being beaten by an inch in the 100 yds. final—many people thought he had won—he held off all challenges in the 220 yds. to win easily in the brilliant time of 22.1 secs. The general opinion in the athletic world is that Wallace will be representing his country in the near future, and will certainly be a big asset to the English Universities team to compete in Paris. He carries the best wishes of all College sportsmen in his athletic career, and we look forward to the day when we see the name L. M. Wallace amongst the Olympic champions.

This issue of WESSEX News is the last of the session, and it may be appropriate to give some idea of the state of College athletics in view of the past season's per-

formances. The Winter games more than held their own and, in fact, showed a great improvement on the whole. The outstanding performances of the year have been mentioned by the Chairman of the A.U. in his remarks to the general meeting. The summer sports have also shown decided improvement, and the excellent team spirit which has prevailed in many clubs indicates an even more successful future for the A.U. Already we have forced our way to the front of athletics in most of its branches football, tennis, netball, athletics, cross country, rowing and swimming, and it is now up to the other clubs to make a grand effort to see all sides of College sport making strong bids for University honours.

The officials for next year will have no easy task in front of them. College is this year losing a large number of the people who have done so much towards making U.C.S. a force to be reckoned with.

Foremost among these stalwarts is Roy Wile, who is leaving after four years hard work for the A.U., including two years as secretary. In addition he will long be remembered for his fine rugby, in which club he has held his place ever since the first Saturday of his College career. We also take this opportunity of congratulating him on his recent engagement; Roy and Peggy carry with them the best wishes for a most successful and happy future together, a sentiment in which the whole College joins.

Altogether, ten club captains are leaving this year, and a big gap will be left by their departure. Among them may be mentioned George Moir, captain of Rugby, who, we are glad to say, has fully recovered from his bad accident on the field and is now dashing batsman piling up the runs for the cricket team; White, his captain, is also going down, and his fine all-round cricket will long be remembered. In George Morton, College is losing a man whose place it is now difficult to fill in the Athletic Club, and also on the Rugby field. George's consistent efforts in the field events have left a high standard to be maintained, so see to it juniors! George Lawrence—the third of the Three Big G's—will be remembered for the work he has done both as Ground Secretary and in his efforts at building up the Cross Country Club—a club which was in danger of becoming defunct until Lawrence took over

the reins. How successful he has been can be seen in the enthusiasm which he has aroused—even to the extent of infusing enough energy into a few stalwarts to set up a College Marathon record—they claim they are going to do nearly fifty miles between them—just running round the track! May we suggest that it might be more economical to run home and save the train fare?

Two notabilities amongst those women going down may also be mentioned—Miss Scott and Miss Westbrook. Scottie, as captain of the Women's Athletics team, and Joyce, captain of the Netball Club and also Junior Treasurer to the A.U., have completed their useful careers, and leave us with pleasant impressions of their cheerful and enthusiastic work in connection with the A.U.

Those of us going down wish our successors the best of luck, and hope that "Wex" is only just beginning to be really heard amongst the other Universities. It is up to the remaining people to see it to that U.C.S. is blazoned forth in every University in England. To those going down are extended the best wishes for happy and successful careers, and may we hope that entry into the hard cruel world will not be so disillusionary as to give up their sport.

The final week of term sees some interesting sport, including the Ichen swim on Tuesday at 6 p.m., at which it is expected that thousands will turn out to watch. Come along and help to make up the four figures. The Inter-Halls Athletics will be held on Wednesday, and the Inter-Halls cricket between Russell and Stoneham on Thursday. In addition, there are the finals of the tennis tournaments to be played. Altogether a very crowded and interesting week.

#### MEN'S TENNIS CLUB

##### U.C.S. 2, Liverpool 7

On Saturday the College team met defeat at the hands of a strong team from Liverpool. College made a good start—winning two of the first three matches. On the form shown, College should have been four matches to two up before tea, but alas! College play deteriorated and the score stood at four to two for Liverpool. Faced with the task of winning all the remaining matches, College made a final effort, but the Liverpool first pair soon accounted for the College second pair, giving Liverpool the match. In spite of the final score the team would have won but for the fatal inconsistencies which matter little in the usual friendly fixtures. Congratulations are due to the College

third pair for their fine efforts in all four of the U.A.U. matches and to the tennis Captain for infusing a fighting team spirit that has been largely responsible for the success of the team.

#### SWIMMING U.A.U. Long Distance Championship

The race was held this year in the Trent at Nottingham and had a record entry of eight Universities. London filled first, second and fourth places and carried off the Championship by a clear 18 points from the holders, Durham, who were second. U.C.S. were beaten into fourth place by Leeds in spite of the excellent swimming of Russell. He beat last year's winner and finished fifth. The placings of the rest of the team were: H. J. Morris 11th, C. Shepherd 22nd, and R. K. Wood 23rd. A detailed summary of the results will be found in Monday's *Manchester Guardian*.

Those who took part in this race will be leaving College this session, and it is hoped that next year another team will be entered to improve further the status which the club now holds in the eyes of other Universities.

The Ichen Swim takes place this evening. Now is the time to start building a team for next year's U.A.U. Long Distance, and have the opportunity of realising that a long distance swim is not as arduous as it sounds.

#### WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

In the match at Goldsmith's College at Swythling on Saturday, June 26th, College won by 27½ pts. to 11½. The most thrilling event of the afternoon was the 220 yds., when Miss Luff, after being second to Miss Saunders of Goldsmith's for the greater part of the race, succeeded in passing her and winning in 27½ secs. In the 100, Miss Saunders (G.) won, just beating B. Luff with Hunt a very good third, in 12 secs.

College won by high and long jumps, also gaining second place in the long, and a tie for first in the high jumps.

In the quarter, College easily gained first and second place and in the relay a good finish to an enjoyable afternoon, College won by 36.3 secs., beating their time at Portsmouth this year by 6/10 secs. The team ran very well—the lead was established by Miss Bowron—maintained by Miss Hunt and increased by Miss Luff. We hope to have a return match v. Goldsmith at New Cross on Wednesday, June 30th.

#### Results.

100 yds. Saunders (G.), Luff, Hunt. 12 secs.  
220 yds. Luff, Saunders (G.), Bowron. 27.5 secs.  
70 yds. Westbrook, Luff, Peel (G.). 70.9 secs.  
Hurdles. Saunders (G.), Bowron Sellar. 12.8 secs.  
High Jump. Clough, Scott and Peel (tie). 4 ft. 4 ins.  
Long Jump. Westbrook, Scott, Peel. 14 ft. 10 ins.  
Relay. Southampton, Goldsmiths'. 56.3 secs. (Westbrook Bowron, Hunt, Luff).

## University Service

I understood that one, if not the only purpose of the University Service was corporate worship by Staff and Students of College. In this I appear to have been mistaken, for last Sunday at St. Mary's we were given very little chance of taking part in the worship. Why should chants which nobody knows be chosen? We could not take part in the psalm, and its dignity was utterly marred by the speed at which the choir dabbed through it. Then the Te Deum, the grandest hymn in our language. "We praise Thee, O God . . ."—but the choir did the work, and it didn't sound much like praise. And one of the hymns was to an unknown tune, so that full participation was impossible. For all the part we played in the service, we might have listened to it on the wireless.

Surely prayer is an essential part of worship. Why then was prayer cut to a minimum?

Loyalists though we may be, we do not expect to sing the National Anthem at the close of a Church service. We had been bidden to pray for the King. Surely that was enough.

The first part of the sermon presented a picture of University ideals that was pitiful in its contrast with reality. The latter part, which set out clearly the all-embracing and many-sided character of our faith was good, and I wish the rest had been in keeping with it.

If this seems too critical, ask any who were present. On some points I may not be agreed with, but I fancy most of us feel that we could not play the part in worship that we wished to.

The best part of all was the reading of the lessons, in spite of the length of the first, and the second particularly could be taken to heart by many at this College. Is it too much to hope that next year it will really be a University Service for those of University College?

**Chaperone Wanted.** Woman preferred; July 2-9, walking in S. Wales; Y.H.A.; all expenses paid! Apply latest Wednesday to Shilston or Allen.

You were probably taught in school that nothing can stop the power of a growing plant. If this be true, it bodes ill for the Library, for bracken fronds have been seen forcing their way up beside the walls. Doubtless, cracks will soon appear in the fabric. Do not let your devotion to work carry you so far as to make you risk your life by working in a tottering edifice. Get out while the going's good.

## Going-Down Dinner

Those who did not attend the Going-Down Dinner don't know what they missed. Altogether it was a very good evening, and well worth the 1/6. There is no need for a detailed account, but we repeat that it was good, including the speeches, which revealed the growing friendliness between Staff and Students, and showed that after all College probably won't be such a bad place next Session.

## Prospects of Democracy

As someone afterwards remarked, Prof. Betts was "on form" last Saturday when he addressed a meeting organized by the Socialist Society on "The Prospects of Democracy in England."

Giving his definition of democracy as a system under which the real sovereign will of the community is carried out, Prof. Betts went on to show how in England, although we have universal franchise, the ideal democracy has not yet been achieved. This, he said, was due to four main causes, the dominance of the party machine, the fact that the proportion of members elected was not a true representation of the proportion of the voters, bureaucratic legislators, and the fact that economic, and therefore political power was not equally distributed. The first step in the stabilization of democracy must, therefore, be the transference of the means of production from the hands of a few to the community in general. He dealt with the rearmament boom and the effects it might have on political forms, and expressed his faith in Science and Education as forces which could be directed to the strengthening of democracy. Considering that finals were over the attendance was a little disappointing, but those present contributed to a very full discussion of the many points Prof. Betts had raised.

J. F. A.

## G. A. Hemming

It is fitting to give a "write-up" of the future President in the last issue of the Session. His presidential year will be his fifth at U.C.S., so he ought to know something about College conditions by now. His first office of some sort here was in the Christian Union, of which he is President, and he is a refutation of the idea that a Christian must be a recluse.

It is a pity that he should be in the Science faculty when he is so obviously better suited for the Arts, but there it is. He has represented College as a Soccer player, as an athlete, and as a debater, and now he goes on to represent us as President. We are sure that he will do well.

## Be Prepared

Owing to an unfortunate mistake of the Office Staff we have received a copy of the following letter warning next Session's freshers of the vicissitudes of College life.

### Memorandum to all Incoming Students

1. Freshers must at the beginning of term fill up Registration forms in triplicate. You will find that all College forms must be done in triplicate so it is essential that you should receive early training in this sort of thing.

2. If you are under the Board of Education you must devote Saturday morning to "Contact." This is an intricate part of the Course and very important.

When you become teachers you will have no liberties at all so be thankful that you still have Saturday afternoon free.

3. Lunch is provided in the College Refectory. This building was a generous gift from the War Office after the War. (It is not quite clear which war.)

4. Students are advised to make early acquaintance with S. Stonham gardens, where some good examples of grafting are to be found.

5. Students must pay for damages in their rooms, fair wear and tear excepted.

6. "Creeping" is useful but inadvisable, as it is liable to cause friction.

7. Men should beware of College women.

8. College women should beware of non-College women.

9. During the Summer term, students are advised not to lie on the grass east of the Assembly Hall, as new Chemistry building is being built there.

10. Students should not be so indiscreet as to ask what the Assembly Hall is for.

11. Freshers will be expected to perform various useful duties in Hall. (N.B.—This does not apply to Connaught.)

12. The gibbet to the South of the Library has not yet been used.

## The Lake District

A very interesting lecture was given by the Rev. Martin Pope at South Stoneham last Friday evening, on Walking and Climbing in the Lake District. Mr. Martin Pope described with the aid of some very attractive slides some of the parts he had visited including Blencathra and Helvellyn, Scafell and Scafell Pike, Mickle-dore Ridge and Lord's Rake, and Black Sail and Scarf Gap Passes. Next, he referred to Rock-Climbing proper. Among some of the most interesting examples were Great Gable, including the Nape's Needle, Stout Man's Gully, the Pillar Rock, and Stomach Tra-verse.

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## Calendar

**Tuesday, June 29th.**  
5.15 p.m. Music Studio. The Choral Society Going Down Concert.

**Tuesday, June 29th.**  
6 p.m. Icthen Swim.

**Wednesday, June 30th.**  
2.30 p.m. Inter-Hall Athletics. Women's Athletics v. Goldsmiths' College. Away.

**Thursday, July 1st.**  
Inter-Halls Cricket Final.

**Saturday, July 3rd.**  
Last day of Term.

**Friday, October 1st.**  
Graduates return for School Prac.

**Monday, October 4th.**  
Term begins.

## With this Reservation

We have sung our songs, in praise of one another—  
Lifted our voices to the skies in panegyric strain;  
We have clasped to our bosoms our neighbour, calling him Brother,  
And raised the anthem of Peace, rolling in rapt refrain.

We have raised our right hands, proud to elect our leader:  
Captain, or Sec., Vice-President, or such;  
There has been no dissenting voice, Dear Reader,  
No one has said: Forbear. (Well, no one much.)

For some have felt that still some talent slumbers,  
Anesthetized by cliques, or the hypocrisy  
Of estoteric Clubs, favoured with Mystic Numbers;  
But how absurd; we're a Democracy!

W. S. B.

### The Lake District—continued

An unexpected pleasure was a reference at the end of the lecture to Mountain climbing in Switzerland, which was illustrated by some magnificent slides. An interesting comparison was made between Switzerland and the Lake District, Mr. Martin Pope pointing out how very different they were, each however, being superb in its own direction. All present felt that they had had a very enjoyable and instructive evening and were very grateful to Mr. Martin Pope for the lecture.

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